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DAILEY THREATENS INSURANCE COMPANIES.

"We'll appeal to the conscience of these insurance companies first. If in vain and they are unwilling to reciprocate for the tremendous business advantages they enjoy in Illinois they must be prepared for legislation extreme in character." So warned State Senator John Dailey of the Dailey legislative investigating committee in speaking of insurance companies which derive millions annually from citizens of Illinois and then invest it entirely or in a large part in other states. He spoke at the Chicago Real Estate Board banquet.

ESPOVICH GOES TO THE FAIR.

A grand banquet was tendered to Joseph Espovich by 150 of his old associates in Mandel Brothers. The reason for the testimonial was the announcement that Mr. Espovich was to resign from Mandel Brothers' store to assume the post of advertising manager of The Fair at the beginning of the new year. He is one of the officers of Mandel Brothers accompanying Mr. D. F. Kelly, the manager, who assumes his new position of manager of The Fair at the same time. Mr. Espovich was lauded by his friends and presented with a handsome Gladstone traveling bag as a token of their admiration.

CHICAGO TAXES TO BE HIGHER.

Chicago taxpayers will have to dig still deeper into their pockets when their new tax bills arrive in March, according to the tax levies passed by the various governing bodies of the city and handed over to the county authorities for collection. The local governing bodies of Chicago have levied a total of \$136,372,157 for the coming year, as against \$124,728,281 for this year. There will be some scaling down by County Clerk Switzer and Martin J. O'Brien, the chief of the tax extension department of the county, but their powers of pruning are strictly limited by legislative provisions. Experts in these offices declare taxpayers who thought the sky had been reached with this year's 42 per cent tax increase will get a rude shock when they receive their new tax bills.

COMMONWEALTH-EDISON WILL EXPAND.

The Commonwealth Edison Company has received permission from the Illinois Commerce Commission to issue an additional \$12,000,000 capital stock. It will be offered to stockholders at par on the basis of one share for every five now held. Offering of stock following sale of \$7,143,000 5 per cent bonds recently is in line with the Insull policy of having more stock than bonds outstanding. There is now \$59,902,200 capital stock outstanding.

President Samuel Insull estimates that Commonwealth Edison this year will have expended between \$20,000,000 and \$25,000,000 for improvements to enable it to keep facilities close to expanding demand for power. Next year's budget calls for an additional \$25,000,000 to \$30,000,000, a good part of which is expected to be raised through sale of stock. Output is considerably below demand.

Construction program for the next four years calls for expenditure of between \$100,000,000 and \$125,000,000 for extensions and improvements. This will double capacity, now the largest of any electric company producing power by steam.

Judge Bernard P. Barasa, one of the best vote getters in the Republican party, is much talked of for mayor by numbers of his friends.

The drivers of mail motor trucks imagine that they own the boulevards because their contractor boss works for Uncle Sam. As a rule they pay no attention to the rights of other vehicles and cause many accidents.



WILLIAM J. HEALY,
 Popular President of the Sanitary District of Chicago, Who Would
 Make a Good Mayor.

POLITICAL GOSSIP

Talk About Men and Matters
 Connected With Public Affairs
 in All the Different Camps

Mayor Thompson at a conference with his ward committeemen at the City Hall urged them to greater efforts in securing the pledge cards. About 40,000 already have been turned in. The mayor is said to have set his minimum mark at 150,000.

During the conference he repeated his statement at the Medinah Temple meeting that he wanted to know how the people felt about his candidacy for a third term.

If the people, he said, indicated that they were not for him, he would step aside for some other candidate. The pledge cards, he said, ought to give a pretty fair line on sentiment, and as soon as that was determined he would act.

This gave rise to the report at the City Hall the mayor had threatened to retire from the political arena unless

less his ward committeemen got a move on.

Friends of the mayor, however, said the inference was somewhat of an exaggeration and seemed confident his formal announcement of a third term candidacy would be forthcoming in a few days.

The Brundage-Deneen factions still mark time, awaiting the recovery of Mr. Brundage, confined to a hospital with a threatened attack of appendicitis, but on the road to recovery.

A new name was brought into the speculation on the Republican side yesterday—Charles A. Stevens, head of the big State street department store.

An effort was made to induce former Congressman George Edmund Foss to enter the lists, but the latest information is that Mr. Foss will refuse to be a candidate.

FRANK WEST FOR ALDERMAN OF 44TH

Frank A. West, one of the most popular Republicans in the 44th Ward and a member of the Board of Examining Engineers, is a candidate for the Republican nomination for Alderman of that ward. Mr. West is one of the best known men on the North Side. He is a live wire and is always working for the best interests of the city.

His large acquaintance and indefatigable energy as well as the fact that he is not affiliated with the big head makes him an ideal candidate.

At Springfield on Jan. 8, Jackson day, Illinois Democrats will stage a state-wide demonstration at the St. Nicholas hotel at which United States Senator Elect Samuel M. Ralston of Indiana is to be the chief speaker. There is little concealment of the fact that the function is to be the real opening of a campaign to give to Mr. Ralston, who defeated Albert J. Beveridge for the senatorship, the Democratic nomination for the presidency.

Michael J. Bransfield & Sons of 133 West Washington street, are among the soundest and best of financial investment houses in Chicago. The name of Michael J. Bransfield, pioneer Chicagoan, has stood for almost half a century as a symbol for honesty and ability.

DEMOCRATS TALKED OF FOR MAYOR

Patrick A. Nash, Joseph Sabath, Thomas A. Smyth, Judge M. L. McKinley, Carter H. Harrison, Clayton F. Smith, Dennis J. Egan, James Hamilton Lewis, William L. O'Connell, Judge Donald L. Morrill, John P. McGorty, John E. Traeger, Henry Stuckart, Robert M. Switzer, Judge John J. Sullivan, William H. Sexton, James McAndrews, P. J. Lucey, Judge Frank Johnston Jr. Judge W. E. Dever, Michael L. Igoe, Ullysses S. Schwartz, Edward F. Dunne.

M. J. Dwyer, athlete, physical culture director and all-around health builder, is president of The Keefit Club at 520 Consumers Building. Some of the best men in Chicago belong to it and are advising their friends to do likewise.

C. Arch Williams, the popular Master-in-Chancery, would make a good record on the Superior bench and should be elected to it in the opinion of his friends.

Police favoritism in the matter of loop parking is a public scandal.

Judge Frank Johnston, Jr., as a Democratic candidate for mayor would be a sure winner in the opinion of his many friends.



JOHN F. CULLERTON,
 Hard-working Fire Commissioner, Who Aims to Co-ordinate State and
 City Fire Fighting Forces.

GERMANY WANTS NEW PEACE PACT

Berlin Seeks a Four-Power Treaty in Europe.

INFORMAL REQUEST IS MADE

Cuno Urges the United States to Sound Great Britain, France and Italy on Proposed 30-Year Plan.

Washington, Dec. 27.—Germany has suggested informally that the United States sound the European powers on their disposition to enter into a four-power pact to preserve the peace similar to the four-power Pacific treaty. The four European powers would be Great Britain, France, Italy, and Germany.

Asks Thirty Years of Peace. Under the terms Great Britain, France, Italy, and Germany would enter into an agreement not to make war for a period of years probably thirty. The United States would not be a party to the agreement and its connection would be merely that of intermediary.

The proposed agreement would be particularly acceptable to Germany, inasmuch as it is calculated not only to give France guarantees against any possible aggression by Germany and thus would deprive her of a main argument against a large standing army, but would also guarantee Germany against further occupation of German territory.

Overture Made at Berlin. The proposal of the German government presumably was communicated to the United States through the American ambassador at Berlin, the German embassy here stating that it was not the channel of communication.

3 CHIEF DISEASES DECREASE

Census Report Shows Heart Ailments, Flu and Tuberculosis Falling Off.

Washington, Dec. 28.—Declines in the death rate from heart disease, influenza and pneumonia and tuberculosis in all its forms, the three principal causes of death in the United States, were the outstanding features of 1921, which shows the lowest death rate recorded in any year since the beginning of the annual compilations in 1900, the census bureau announced here.

Increases were shown in the rate for cancer, automobile accidents and injuries, diphtheria, typhoid, suicide and homicide and several other causes.

BABY THROWN IN MAIL SACK

Cleveland Mother Loses Her Infant in Rush of Mailing Christmas Packages.

Cleveland, Dec. 23.—From a crowd of Christmas shoppers in the main post office came the cries of a mother for her lost infant. While the mother was addressing packages she placed the child in a market basket. Her packages ready to be mailed, she looked for the baby. It had disappeared.

The basket, with its contents, had been picked up by a post office employee and thrown into a mail sack. Cries from the child as the sack was about to be placed on a mail truck led to its discovery.

DRYS GIVE OUT BOOZE DATA

Headquarters at Washington Report 100 Christmas Revelers Killed by Poison "Hootch."

Washington, Dec. 28.—Poisoned booze cost nearly 100 lives during the Christmas holidays in the United States, according to reports compiled by prohibition headquarters here. Converted denatured alcohol was blamed for the majority of the deaths. Prohibition directors estimate thousands are undergoing treatment in homes or hospitals.

FIGHTS BIG POSSE ALONE

West Virginian Taken Wounded After Home Has Been Riddled in Battle of 1,200 Bullets.

Steubenville, O., Dec. 28.—More than 1,200 shots were exchanged between officers and armed citizens and Joseph Jones, fifty, at Follinsbee, W. Va., after Jones had shot Harry Jones, a deputy sheriff, and barricaded himself in his home. Jones was taken after his home had been riddled with bullets from machine guns and riot guns and he had been shot in the leg.

REDS WANT U. S. DOLLARS

\$1 Buys 57,000,000 Russian Rubles in Moscow in Scramble for Foreign Currency.

Moscow, Dec. 23.—The demand for foreign currency has been so great during the last few days that for a time the dollar on the Black bourse brought 57,000,000 rubles. The market closed at 45,000,000.

Crime is rampant in the city. If a lawbreaker is permitted to openly defy the law within a block of the office of the Chief of Police why shouldn't crime be rampant?

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 bound files show issues for every
 week since October 5, 1889.



FRANK HOGAN,
 President of the Big Heco Envelope Company and Respected Citizen.

IN THE LEGISLATURE

Work of Illinois Lawmaking Body

Republican State Senators have agreed on the following program for the session which opens next Wednesday:

"1. The submission to the people of the so-called 'Gateway amendment' permitting the submission of more than one amendment to the state constitution at the same session.

"2. The adoption of a senate rule that all appropriation bills or amendments to same be printed in their final form and placed upon the desks of the members of the senate at least three days before the final vote upon same.

For Separate Bills. "3. The adoption of a senate rule providing that a separate appropriation bill be passed for each state officer and department of the state government.

"4. The adoption of a senate rule that no matter, not the subject of a difference between the two houses of the general assembly, be included in the report of a conference committee or any appropriation bill submitted to it.

"5. That no deficiency appropriation bill be adopted by the senate until after a thorough consideration of the same.

AND HARRISON'S PRIVATE SEC'Y IS STILL CHIEF OF POLICE

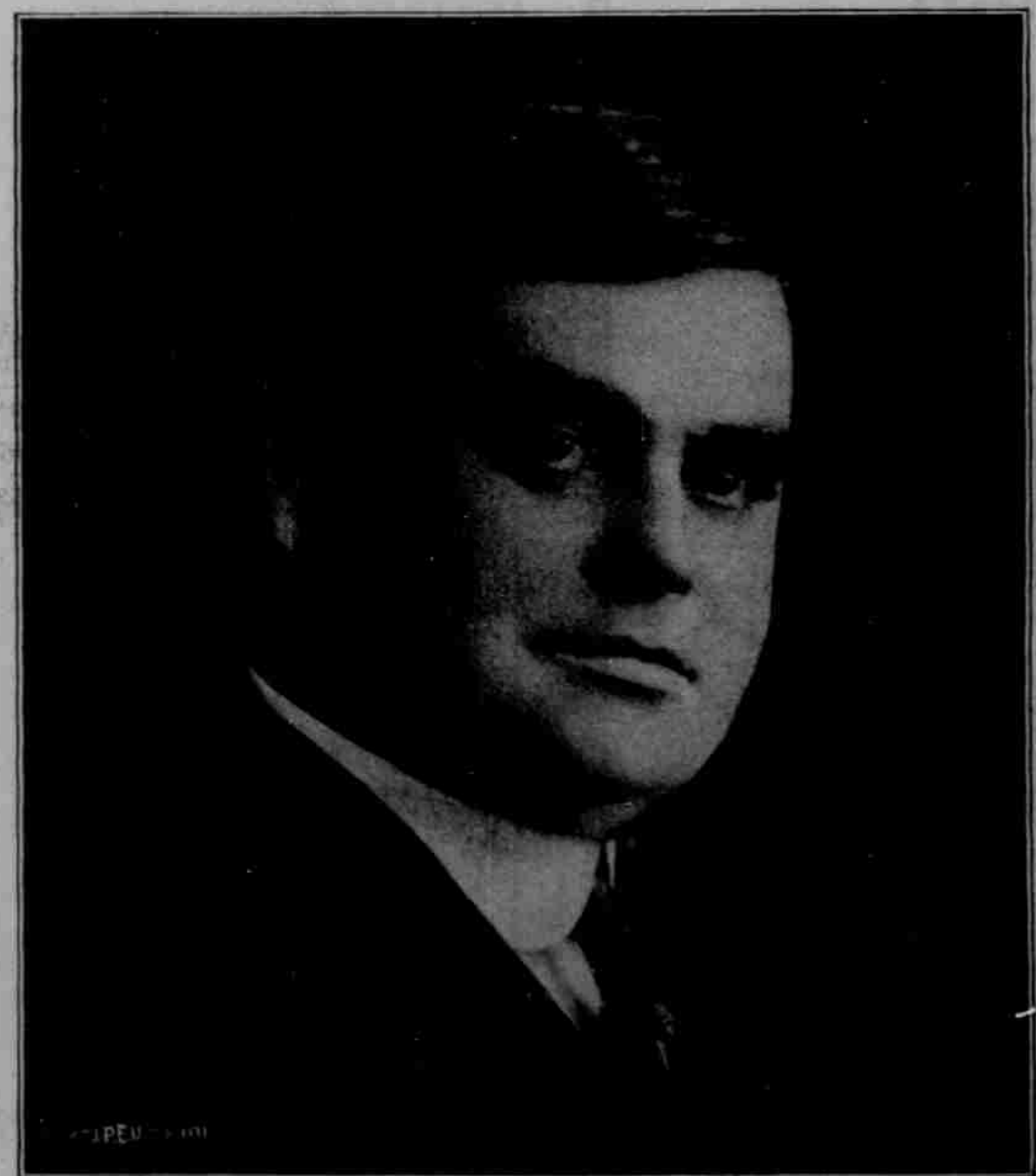
(From the Daily News of last Tuesday, Dec. 19.)

With the opening of the January session of the grand jury, investigation of the vice conditions in the city that make Chicago "worse than Paris," as disclosed in a report of the Juvenile Protective Association, will be taken up, it was learned today.

Mrs. Bowen and Miss Binford visited Chief Justice McKinley last week in regard to the cleaning up of the vicious resorts, which they say are influencing the youth of the city to evil, it was understood, and at that time were told that immediate action would be taken when a formal report was entered. That Chicago is the "worst city in America" was charged after the survey made by the Juvenile Protective Association.

Otto Kerner, the able lawyer who is frequently mentioned for Judge of the Superior Court, would grace the bench.

The Chicago Eagle reaches fifty thousand people who make public opinion and whose influence is paramount.



JOHN DAILEY,
 Republican Leader in the Illinois State Senate.

BRIGHT OUTLOOK FOR U. S. LABOR

Encouraging Report Received by Government Department.

RECORD IN BUILDING TRADE

Manufacturing Sections of Country Report a Shortage of Skilled Workers—Few States Affected by Seasonal Suspensions.

Washington, Dec. 26.—The employment situation is encouraging and prospects are bright for the remainder of the winter, according to a survey just completed by the employment service of the Department of Labor. Nearly all states reported a condition much better than at this time last year, and the situation was described as fair to good in most sections.

Few Unfavorable Reports. States affected by seasonal suspension of logging operations or farm work, and those where transportation is hampered by strikes and car shortages, were the only ones reporting unfavorably, and in all of them improvement was expected soon after the first of the year.

Building operations throughout the country were reported holding a pace almost unprecedented, only a few states in the North showing a slowing up because of the weather.

Shortage of Skilled Labor. The manufacturing states, almost without exception, reported shortages of skilled mechanics. Textile mills were running full blast and needed labor. The automobile industry also was running 100 per cent, but the labor supply about equaled the demand. The steel industry showed a general expansion, with a demand for all kinds of labor.

ENGINEER PREVENTS WRECK

Quick Wit of Locomotive Driver Saves Fast Santa Fe Train—Robbery Motive.

Chicago, Dec. 26.—Quick wit of the engineer of Santa Fe train No. 5, a flier for Texas and Oklahoma, thwarted an attempt to wreck it at Joliet Christmas night. The train carried several Pullmans in addition to five mail and express cars. Robbery is supposed to have been the motive.

As the train neared Joliet the engineer saw several persons bending over the rails and he applied the brakes so suddenly passengers were thrown from their seats. The men dashed away just as the train came to a stop ten feet from them. Inspection revealed that fourteen spikes had been pulled and the fishplates torn aside, thus loosening one rail.

SAY KLAN OPPOSES VIOLENCE

Imperial Wizard H. W. Evans Declares Ku Klux Are Sworn to Obey U. S. Laws.

Washington, Dec. 26.—That the Ku Klux Klan does not practice or condone violence, that it exerts moral suasion only, that the hooded robe is never worn in public except on parade, and that the Klan is not in politics are assertions in a statement made by Imperial Wizard H. W. Evans at the close of his week in Washington.

JILTED, KILLS 3 AND SELF

Suitor, 40, Spurned by Girl, 16, Shoots Her Sister, Brother and Baby.

Seattle, Wash., Dec. 26.—Rejection of his advances toward Helen Engel, sixteen, last spring, is believed to have so crazed Emil Neuriter, forty, a ferry boat proprietor, that he turned Christmas joy into tragedy in her home by killing her two sisters, a brother and ending his own life.

CHICAGOANS SPEND MONEY

Christmas Celebration Cost Windy City Residents \$100,000,000, It Is Estimated.

Chicago, Dec. 26.—Chicago paid \$100,000,000 for its Christmas celebration, it was estimated by business men. Downtown merchants said about \$80,000,000 was spent during December for retail Christmas merchandise. Outlying districts sold between \$15,000,000 and \$20,000,000 worth.

ACTION HAMPERED BY LIMIT

Further Legislation May Be Necessary for Government of Refunding Commission.

Washington, Dec. 27.—Further legislation authorizing the foreign debt refunding commission to offer more favorable terms to the European nations may be necessary before much progress is made in the refunding process, say administration officials.

U. S. Dry Shakeup in Sight. Washington, Dec. 26.—Reorganization of the prohibition unit will begin on New Year's day with appointments, dismissals and transfers in the official ranks of the dry force throughout the United States, it was stated at Commissioner Haynes' office here.

Repeating and fraudulent voting at elections is said to be one of the latest fads. The public no longer views this sort of thing seriously.

Harry Goldstone will be the next president of the Chicago Real Estate Board and Callistus S. Ennis will be the secretary.

John T. Murray would make a splendid Judge of the Municipal Court.